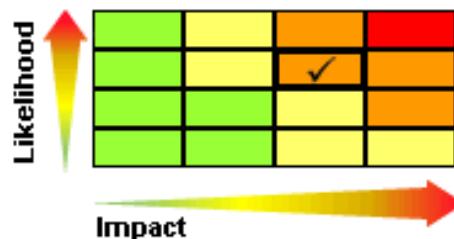
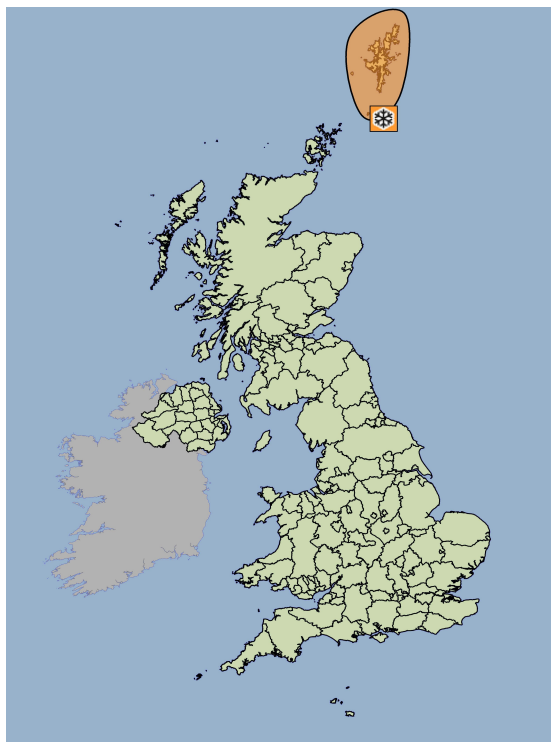




National Severe Weather Warning Service



Chief Forecasters Assessment

An area of low pressure will pull away to the east of Shetland on Wednesday evening, allowing a strong cold west to northwesterly airstream to develop. A slow-moving front on the western flank of this low will engage this cold air bringing a spell of persistent and heavy snow. While amounts of snow remain uncertain, especially on lowest ground, some travel disruption is expected, while the risk of accretion on power lines and communication masts will be increased by the strong winds.

The Met Office have issued an **Amber Warning of Snow**

Valid from **17:00 on Wed, 13th Jan 2016** until **06:00 on Thu, 14th Jan 2016**

Outbreaks of sleet and snow will develop on Wednesday evening, becoming persistent and heavy at times. 5-10 cm is expected to accumulate quite widely, with perhaps 15 cm on higher ground above 100 metres, though coasts facing the strong west to northwesterly winds should see just slight slushy falls. Some drifting is possible on highest routes. The snow will die out by Thursday morning though more scattered snow showers are expected through the day.

Please be prepared for some very difficult travelling conditions and some disruption to transport and power supplies.

For more details please go to:

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